

# Ephraim Moravian Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PASTOR:**.....The Rev. Dawn E. Volpe  
**MINISTERS:**.....Members of the Congregation  
**MUSIC DIRECTOR:**.....Colin Welford  
**SECRETARY:**.....Diane Kirkland  
**GUEST ORGANIST:**.....Barbara Classen

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Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** “All Nature Sings” – by Landon

Watchword for the Week

**Hymn #405** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Liturgy Psalm 116 (Insert)**

Scripture Lessons:

New Testament: 1 Peter 1: 17 - 23

Gospel: Luke 24: 13 – 35

**Solo:** “Lord of All Hopefulness” -Traditional Irish

Sermon

**Offertory:** “Psalm 56” – by Schutz

**Doxology (#817)**

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response: (Hymn #476)**

*His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,*

*Jesus, my Lord; he is the mighty King, master of everything,*

*His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He’s the great Shepherd,*

*The Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he; bow down before him,*

*Love and adore him, his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. Amen*

Benediction

**Postlude:** “Jubilation” – by Denton

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**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK** You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. – 1 Peter 1:23

**TODAY:** Time of Fellowship following the Service

4:30 p.m. Chess Club

**MONDAY:** Pastor’s Sabbath

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

**WELCOME** to Ephraim Moravian Church. Our Nursery is open for children under the age of 4. *Please join us for Fellowship following the service.*

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN CHURCH** is the ‘Church of the Open Door.’ We hope you find our church open to you in every way!

**MOTTO OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH:** In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Love.

**EPHRAIM MORAVIAN WATCHWORD 2023:** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.- 1 John 4:12

**THANK YOU** to Barbara Classen and Marcia Ellis for their ministry of music this morning!

**NAME TAGS!** Beginning in May, we will ask EVERYONE to fill out a name tag. It’s a great way to instantly connect with visitors and members alike. Nametags will be provided at each entrance (or, if you have a permanent one, you may wear that as well).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Two fantastic free concerts coming up: Colin & Friends- May 7 at 2 p.m., featuring Scott Ramsay and Cyndy Stiehl and “Music for Food”, May 14 at 3 p.m. benefitting local food pantries, with performances by Colin & Friends, Midsummer Music and Birch Creek.

## **“But We Had Hoped” – Pastor Dawn Volpe**

There are many times I found myself echoing the lament of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they recounted their sorrow to a stranger who joined them on their journey (not knowing that the visitor was Jesus), they said something that has resonated with untold numbers throughout history... ‘but we had hoped’.

But we had hoped... that the loved one with an incurable illness would find a miracle cure.

But we had hoped... that broken relationships could be mended.

But we had hoped...that our money would last.

But we had hoped...that our friends and family would never leave us.

But we had hoped...

The list is endless. And it can lead to a sense of despair, just like our friends who, on their journey home, saw nothing but broken dreams and empty promises. But we know the end of this particular story. What seemed like defeat was turned upside down. The stranger ‘opened their minds’ and remained with them until their feeble faith was turned to marvelous sight.

This is the promise for all who follow Jesus. Life will hand us crushing disappointments. We will echo the lament, ‘but we had hoped.’ When that happens, let us look to the one who can open our minds to possibility. Let us look to the one who promises to remain with us, even when our faith is feeble. Let us look to the one who sustains us when all other supports give way. May these thoughts give us confidence and Hope in difficult times. Amen.